



Midnight Oil, a 12-metre custom-built fuel supply vessel destined to service the Hauraki Gulf, undergoes initial sea trials out of Whakatane.

New fuel service for Hauraki Gulf

The first vessel to roll off the floor of Legacy Marine, a new company formed as part of Extreme Boats' Whakatane operation, is the 12-metre fuel supply vessel *Midnight Oil*.

Built for the Auckland charter boat company Hauraki Express, the alloy vessel can carry up to 10,000 litres of diesel, offering a flexible and affordable fuel option to the Hauraki Gulf and beyond.

Hauraki Express' spokesman Stuart Thomas says the vessel is multi-purpose, able to transport other bulk freight when the fuel tank is removed.

"We have entered an agreement with Gull Petroleum to re-supply its pump on Kawau Island. It will also be available to service major tournaments in the Gulf, saving boats having to travel any distance to get affordable fuel," Stuart says.

"We will have the capacity to refuel the likes of mussel barges and superyachts, the latter being handy when the America's Cup is contested in the Gulf."

The 24-tonne *Midnight Oil* is designed by Manta Marine and powered by twin Cummins 425 diesels, giving it a good turn of speed and range. Stuart says the vessel underwent initial sea trials out of Whakatane, but these were interrupted by the COVID-19 lockdown.

"I am pleased with the boat so far. We looked at several options but have had other boats built by Extreme and we have established a good relationship with Glenn

Shaw and his team."

He said he trusted the company to do a good job and they have delivered.

"And we are not stopping there. We will be commencing construction of a second fuel supply vessel as soon as *Midnight Oil* is up and running. We plan to roll out on-water fuel supply around the country."

Another impressive build currently underway at Legacy Marine is a 21.5m (70ft) sportfisher, the biggest of three designs it has in the range.

This vessel's hull was turned recently

and when finished, it will be powered by twin 2000hp Mann diesels and will carry 9000 litres of fuel. Designed for long-range fishing, the boat will be fitted with a gyro stabiliser, dive compressor and be air-conditioned.

As well as building sportfishers, Legacy Marine was established to undertake larger commercial and custom builds.

Its parent company, Extreme Boats, is one of New Zealand's leading trailerboat manufacturers. For more information go to www.extremeboats.co.nz.



Legacy Marine has just turned the hull of its first sportfisher, the largest in its range at 21.5m.